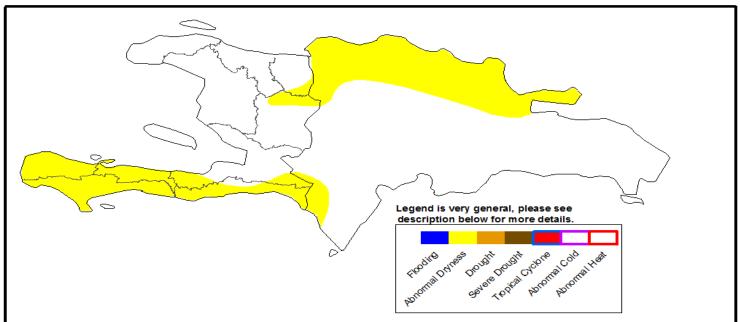






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Below average rainfall expected to continue across many parts of Haiti.



During the last seven days, many parts of Hispaniola received an increase in rainfall compared to previous several weeks. The highest weekly precipitation accumulations (20-40mm) were observed across central Haiti and central Dominican Republic, with lesser amounts observed along the northern and southern coastlines. Since late March, anomalously dry conditions have prevailed over many parts of southern and northeastern Haiti, resulting in increasing rainfall deficits and depleted soil moisture. This has led to the loss of bean crops and water use restriction in southern Haiti and the Dominican Republic, respectively. For the upcoming outlook period, moderate to locally high rainfall accumulations are expected across Haiti, with the potential for locally high rainfall amounts across central Dominican Republic. Areas that are expecting to receive above-average rainfall over Haiti are likely to experience a reduction in moisture deficits that have been developing since March, but it remains unlikely that longer term moisture deficits will be mitigated.